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For: DUAL STIFFNESS BEARING DAMPING SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2002 in the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending in the present application, which claims are subject to a restriction requirement.

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner provided that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct invention. Specifically, the claims are directed to the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-35 and 39-64, drawn to the apparatus of a device with a bearing assembly, classified in class 310, subclass 90; and
- II. Claims 36-38, drawn to the method of damping vibration, classified in class 310, subclass 51.

Accordingly, the Applicant was requested under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect the invention to which prosecution on the merits will be restricted. In this regard, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, which includes claims drawn to the apparatus of a device with a bearing assembly, presently embodied in claims 1-35 and 39-64.

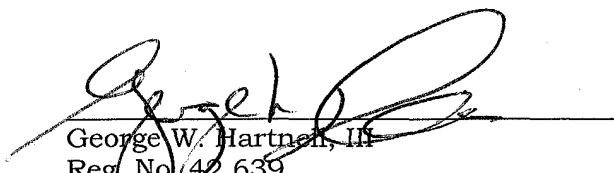
It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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